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PREFACE.



THIS volume is intended as a short popular history on the sepulchral cross-slabs of the early centuries, for the use of both students and general readers. In compiling the history the author has touched on the most leading facts, and though in some cases the touch has been but slight, yet it is hoped that sufficient interest will be awakened to incite the reader to make fuller research elsewhere. The collecting of the slabs (figured in the accompanying plates) has been the work of a considerable number of years, and over each slab the greatest accuracy in drawing has been carried out, due proportions and minuteness of detail being specially desired. All the drawings are the work of the author's own hand, so that the accuracy can be personally vouched for. No attempt has been made to arrange the first series of plates in any chronological order or in order of treatment, for the simple purpose of destroying any chance of monotony that might arise were all the examples of one treatment to be placed side by side. Readers, by passing from page to page, can thus compare the different treatments of the cross-designs all the more readily, and by so doing will feel an interest in them that might not otherwise be so strong.

For authority on many of the remarks contained in the book, reference has been made to the best known writings

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on the subject, and in the case of "Notes on the Slabs" the author would specially call attention to the fact that a vast number of references have been made to form *accurate* notes; in many cases the clergymen of the churches in which slabs have been found have been appealed to personally, and valuable help obtained. A collection of a few slabs bearing authenticated dates is placed at the end of this volume, so that the reader can study the type of each, and thus be able, by comparing the other slabs bearing no dates, to designate the example to an approximate century. After a short time this will not be found hard to do, and a little more study and research will enable the student to be able readily to name a near date to any slabs that may be found in any of his own travels.

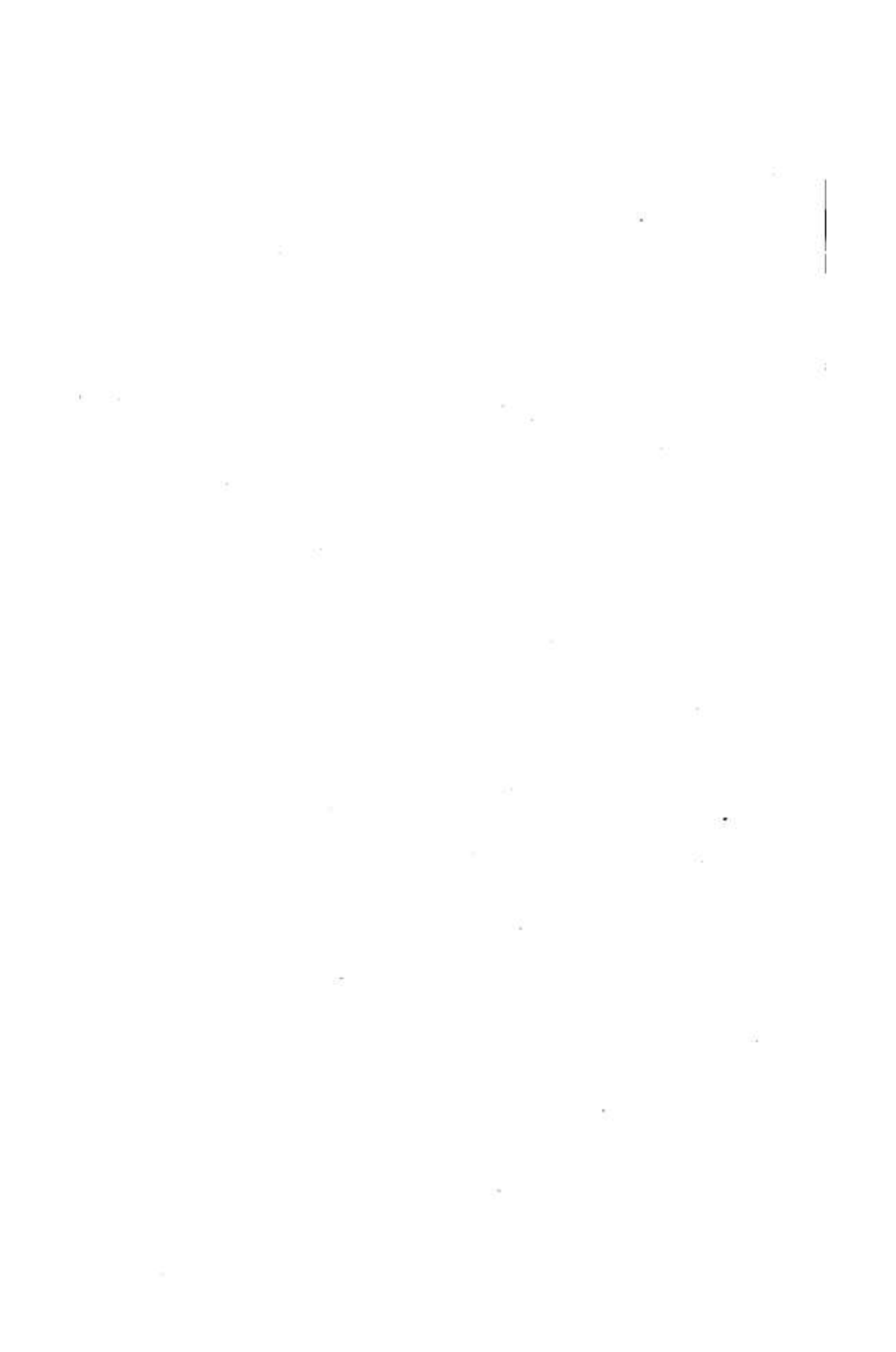
To the following works the author is indebted for many of the statements contained herein:—Lyson's "Magna Britannia"; Boutell's "Monumental Brasses and Slabs"; Kelke's "Sepulchral Monuments in English Churches"; Paul's "Monumental Slabs of North-West Somerset"; Brindley's "Ancient Sepulchral Monuments"; Gough's "Sepulchral Monuments"; Petrie's "Ecclesiastical Architecture of Ireland"; Maitland's "Church of the Catacombs"; Skelton's "Antiquities of Bristol"; Britten's "Account of Redcliffe Church"; Bloxam's "Fragmenta Sepulcralia"; Collins' "History of Somerset"; the archæological journals, etc., etc.

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*Ben Craig, Sevensoaks,
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